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TEUTON SHIPS AVOID FLEET OF RUSSIANS

**NINETY GERMAN WAR VESSELS
ASSIST IN THE LANDING OF
TEUTON TROOPS**

GERMANS HOLD ISLAND CAPITAL

Petrograd Believed to Be in No Immediate Danger Although Russia's Strategic Position Affected

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—Germans who landed at Oesel Island, are pushing forward east and south, and are placing the Russian forces and batteries in the Arensburg district, Creel peninsula, in a difficult position.

A naval action in the Gulf of Riga is predicted followed by an invasion of the mainland.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Germans, who landed on Oesel Island Saturday, have occupied Arensburg, the capital of the island. The northern group of German warships dispatched a torpedo boat squadron between Oesel Island and Dago Island, pressing back the Russian patrols. The Russian naval forces reinforced the patrol and accepted battle, whereupon the German ships retired.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—Rapid progress has been made by the Germans at Oesel. Warships shelled the Russian batteries and silenced them. Svob peninsula has been cut off from the northern part of the island.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The German forces which landed on Oesel Island in the Gulf of Riga, under the cover of 90 war vessels, had occupied up to 10 o'clock Saturday morning the whole northern and eastern part of the island, were within 12 versts of Arensburg, on the southern shore, according to an announcement made today by the Russian naval general staff. The Russians still occupy Serel Point and the Svob peninsula, on the southwestern coast.

Premier Kerensky, in an urgent appeal to the Baltic fleet to defend the fatherland "in this hour of trial," divulged the fact that the garrison of Kronstadt, the chief fortress and military port of Russia and the station of the Baltic fleet, 20 miles west of Petrograd, by its attitude already has weakened the defensive resources of the fortress.

Eight dreadnaughts, a dozen light cruisers, 40 torpedo boats and 30 mine-sweepers participated in the landing on Oesel Island. The people of Petrograd received the news of the occupation calmly.

The newspapers publish interviews with some of the cabinet ministers and others who agree that while the operation seriously affects Russia's strategic position, it does not constitute an immediate menace to the Russian capital.

Premier Kerensky today sent a telegram to the commander-in-chief of the national armies in which he said:

"Tell the redoubtable Baltic fleet that the hour of trial has arrived. Russia expects for her safety a valiant effort by the navy and I, as generalissimo, demand that the sailors make sacrifices."

ENTENTE ALLIES HAVE INCREASED SHIPPING

London, Oct. 15.—The entente allies have increased their shipping facilities by acquiring the Royal Mail Steam Packet company and the Lamport & Holt Line, and the controlling interest in the Argentine Navigation company, which, altogether, control over 300 vessels.

COAL MINERS MAY STRIKE

Heads of United Mine Workers of America Vote to Call Strike on Next Friday

Kansas City, Oct. 15.—Resolutions calling for a strike affecting all the mines of the Southwestern Coal Operators association, involving mining properties in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, to begin next Friday, was passed by the presidents and secretaries of the state organization of United Mine Workers of America here today.

EXPLOSION AT DUPONT WORKS KILLS WORKMEN

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—An explosion in the nitro starch dry house of the Dupont powder works at Gibbstown, N. J., occurred this morning, resulting in the instant death of two workmen. A third workman is missing, probably dead, and another seriously injured. There were only four workmen in the building at the time of the explosion.

The building, which was a small structure and isolated from the rest of the plant, was destroyed, and windows in Philadelphia, 20 miles distant, were shattered. The company officials state that there was nothing suspicious about the explosion.

BELIEVES KORNILOFF NOT GUILTY TREASON

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—General Chablovsky, president of the commission of inquiry into the Korniloff rebellion has returned and declares that he does not believe the action of the general constituted high treason, as Korniloff committed no act of a nature to weaken the fighting front. General Chablovsky believes life imprisonment is the greatest sentence possible to impose.

STOP PUBLICATION OF PRIVATE CABLEGRAMS

Washington, Oct. 15.—The war department is aroused by the publication in some parts of the country of private cablegrams from former national guard officers in France to governors of states, announcing the safe arrival of troops. Steps will be taken to prevent these messages from being sent. The department officials state that all casualties will be promptly announced.

CUBAN RED CROSS IS EQUIPPING HOSPITAL

Havana, Oct. 15.—The Cuban Red Cross society, of which Mme. Mariana Menocal, wife of the President of Cuba, is chairman, has begun the work of equipping a 100-bed hospital unit, manned by a staff of Cuban physicians and nurses, for active service on the western front in France. This enterprise, which will reach completion at an early date, is to be financed by a fund of \$1,000,000, which Cuban women prominent in society here, have set themselves out to raise.

Announcement of the plans of the Cuban Red Cross followed a special meeting in the presidential palace here, presided over by the wife of the president, and attended by all the Cuban Red Cross directors, and representatives of various govern-

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CHICAGO AMERICANS WIN WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

**Thirty-Three Thousand Base Ball Fans Witness Defeat of
New York Nationals in Seventh Game of World
Series—Score Stands 4 to 2**

Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 15.—It was an ideal day for a world series ball game in New York today, and 33,000 wild-eyed fans witnessed one of the most air-tight ball games, with the exception of the fatal fourth, in the world series history.

The Chicago Americans marched triumphantly off with the world series championship by winning the seventh game by a score of four to two from the New York Nationals.

"Red" Faber pitched superb ball for the victors. It was an even break up to the fourth inning, when 33,000 fans saw the Giant's defensive blow up when Zimmerman's wild throw, Robertson's miff of fly and a hit by Gandil score three tallies for the White Sox. The Giants got their two runs in the second as the result of two passes and Herzog's triple.

Yesterday at Chicago the Giants came back at the White Sox and trounced on them to tune of three to two, before one of the largest crowds in Chicago's baseball history. The New York's victory at Chicago yesterday the betting on the series turned from first odds for the White Sox and then odds for the Giants, and when the two teams marched out on the field at New York it was

an even break as to who the champion ball club of the world would be, but New York was the first to crack under the strain and before she collected her thoughts Chicago had romped off with the honors and McGraw's chances for managing a championship team had gone glimmering like the kaiser's hopes of a world conquest.

The crowd began to gather early last evening, many of the fans bringing their blankets and sandwiches for breakfast with them so as to be sure of a chance to see the deciding game. By 4 o'clock this morning the line of waiters had grown to be several blocks in length and by 12 o'clock noon the stands and bleachers were filled almost to capacity, with the exception of a few reserved seats which were still vacant, by the time the game started every seat in the stand was taken and every fan was anxious to see what the game would bring forth.

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EYE WITNESS TELLS OF HORRORS OF TURKISH EXTERMINATION OF ARMENIANS

New York, Oct. 15.—Burial alive of babies in trenches with the bodies of their mothers, who had been slaughtered or allowed to perish from exposure, was practiced by the Turks in their work of exterminating the Armenians, it was declared here today by the Rev. Henry H. Riggs, missionary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions to Harput, Turkey, who recently came back to this country. A trench was dug beside a camp of Armenian women, he said, and as they met death the survivors were forced to drag their bodies to it and bury them.

"The gendarmes said they could not take care of the babies that were left behind so many of those were buried with their mothers," Dr. Riggs said. "When I visited this camp I frequently saw Turks wandering about among the Armenians picking out pretty girls and little children to take away to their homes. Some mothers told us that they themselves had thrown their babies into the Euphrates river rather than allow them to be taken to Moslem homes. Many more threw themselves into the river to escape a bondage of shame worse than death."

"About 15 miles from Harput is a lake hidden from sight with many ravines about it. We were told that the Armenian exiles were being killed and left in these ravines. Two Americans investigated and brought back photographs and actual facts. They saw in a 20-mile ride 10,000 human bodies, most of them killed by the bayonet. With a few exceptions they were women and children and the mangled condition of their bodies showed the horrible fate that has been theirs."

The story of the deportation of the Armenians of Harput is one of "perfidy, violence and murder," Dr. Riggs went on, adding, "It is nearer to the truth to say the Turkish government undertook the extinction of the Armenian population." After the issue of an edict for all Armenians to go to Mesopotamia, he said, there came the arrest of all the men of standing.

"They were sent out on the road tied together in groups of two to

five," he said, "driven and beaten by the gendarmes. Of the first party 800, one young man survived to tell the story of what happened. The party was taken into a ravine and ordered to sit down, he told me. Then the gendarmes climbed up on the surrounding rocks and fired with their rifles into the crowd of bound prisoners as long as they showed signs of life."

"The man who told me the story succeeded in getting his knife and cutting himself loose. As he made his dash for liberty he was followed by a volley of shots but got away unscathed. All the other men of that and similar parties were ruthlessly butchered."

"The women and children were then started on the road toward Mesopotamia in companies of two or three thousand. By indirect routes they were forced to wander about until the summer heat and disease wasted away the majority. No transportation was provided. I saw one old man, who had travelled 200 miles start out to go the remaining 250 miles carrying on his back his pack of quilts and clothes and on top of that his aged palsied wife, who could not walk."

"Often the routes chosen took the people over waterless deserts where thousands perished from thirst. I passed through such a region where thousands of bleached skeletons each side of the way told the story of a waterless journey across the plains in August."

"The people who passed through Harput from the north usually spent two or three days in camp within sight of my home. The sights we saw there can never be forgotten. They were absolutely without shelter, day or night, from heat or cold. The air was unspeakably foul from dead bodies lying near. As we approached the women and children came around us like hungry wolves, all restraint lost in the one desire for a piece of bread."

"The sick and dying lay around under the blazing sun with no one to care for them, waiting for the end. One place I saw a row of 12 dead women and children who had

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WAR SPIRIT FUND MOST IMPORTANT

**Military Authorities Impress the
Need of Sending American Troops
Abroad With Right Spirit**

Washington, Oct. 15.—The national committee on which many of the country's prominent men and women are serving, named by Secretary of War Baker to handle the war camp community-recreation fund, has secured the co-operation of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, and will use the later organization's corps of experienced workers in carrying out the purposes of the fund among the 80 soldier camps scattered over the country.

Victor R. Manning, one of the field secretaries of this association, explaining their plans regarding this fund, says:

"Army authorities visiting the training camps in Europe, and the camps just behind the firing lines, bring home to us the imperative need of instilling into the soldiers going abroad from this country a spirit of determination to do their best, and particularly to prevent their getting into the train of thought that they are adrift, unimportant atoms in a vast machine, which expects of them only that they undertake risks and perhaps give up their life. It has been the universal experience among other recruits that those who have been given the rousing send-off at home, who have been shown that personal attention which make them feel that they are fighting for people who appreciate their sacrifices, have been the troops that have brought home the victories. Military authorities say they cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of instilling some such spirit into our new troops."

"This is a matter which the paternal hand of the government cannot handle alone. They can drill and furnish equipments, but no one but the home people can give the men the right kind of fighting spirit."

It is to carry out this imperative adjunct to camp training that this organization, at the request of Secretary Baker, has asked for a small fund from the people of the nation. Grants Pass has been asked for its quota which is small. The Chamber of Commerce has responded that it will be forthcoming, and it goes without saying that the people of the city will back up the promise to the full.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND AT SEATTLE

Seattle, Oct. 15.—The Seattle police will ask the British Columbia authorities to aid in their efforts to find the murderer of an unidentified woman, whose headless body was found near the city limits. The woman had evidently been dead about four months. Letters found on the body bore a British Columbia post mark.

Earl O'Brien this afternoon identified the headless body as Miss Ruth Demeritt, aged 17, a resident of Kirkland, a suburb of Seattle. O'Brien, whose name was attached to a note found on the body, said he saw Miss Demeritt at a dance a month ago. He had not seen her since.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 14

Pacific Coast States—Fair weather except occasional rain on the Oregon-Washington coast about Wednesday; normal temperatures.

DUTCH SHIPPING TO ENGLAND IS STOPPED

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—The Maasbode says it learns that all Dutch shipping to England has been stopped on account of the pending difference between Great Britain and Holland.

LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN IS ON TONIGHT

**ALL SECTIONS OF STATE WILL
HEAR PATRIOTIC APPEAL BY
NOTED ORATORS**

GARLAND AND U'REN SPEAK HERE

**Opera House Should Be Packed
With Enthusiasts, Earnest Patriots to Hear Message**

The opening gun of the second Liberty Loan campaign will be fired tonight at the opera house when State Senator Sam Garland of Lebanon and W. S. U'ren of Portland will speak on behalf of the bond sale. These gentlemen are recognized throughout the state as orators of ability, and their message tonight is one that should be listened to by every patriotic citizen in the county.

The band will be out in force and give a concert on the street before the meeting. At the meeting Mrs. J. O. Nibley and Prof. J. S. MacMurray will each give vocal selections, and Miss Berenice Quinlan will give a piano selection.

This meeting will be patriotic in nature, in fact a patriotic rally in preparation for the Liberty Bond campaign.

In view of the fact that Germany at this time is floating a great national loan, the success or failure of the Liberty bonds will have a great economic effect on Germany.

The Liberty bonds are in denominations from \$50 up and the fullest particulars concerning them can be obtained from the nearest bank. The bonds are an investment in the United States government. They pay four per cent interest and up to \$5,000 are free from all taxation, no matter what the nature, and up to any amount are free of all local and state taxation.

UNIVERSITY IS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 15.—The school of commerce, of the University of Oregon, again has made arrangements to supply Oregon people with information intended to assist in the development of the state's commercial and industrial interests.

This service now has been supplied to the business men of the state for the last two or three years, and has proved exceptionally helpful, especially to manufacturers and exporters who are endeavoring to reach into foreign markets. The school of commerce is in close cooperation with the federal department of commerce and with various other agencies that maintain connections in foreign countries.

JAPAN MAKES 30-YEAR LOAN ON CHINESE RY.

Peking, China, Oct. 15.—Japan today signed an agreement concerning the lease of the Kirin Chang Chung railway in Manchuria. Japan will loan China 6,500,000 yen for a period of 30 years at five per cent interest. The railway will be under the management of the South Manchuria Railway company.

DUTCH ADVENTRESS PAYS PENALTY OF ESPIONAGE

Paris, Oct. 15.—Mata Hari, the Dutch dancer and adventress, who was found guilty by court martial of espionage, was shot at dawn today.